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Telus brings fibre optic project to town

BY KEVIN VINK MVP Staff

Telus officials are include excited to Didsbury in their Alberta fibre optic pilot project, as few communities have the new technology and none have the benefit of the lines running right to their individual home or business as comprehensively as Telus officials would

Telus spokesperson Liz Sauve said, "The people of Didsbury have been really good to us over the years, and we're really excited to be rolling out these services to the community."

The fibre optic tie-in will be offered to every Didsbury resident free of charge, and even if they don't decide to sign to the service itself right away, they can still get the tie-in for future use, she added.

Gerritsen. Chris another spokesperson, said "At this time we'll be offering speeds of up to 50-megabits (Mb) per second, which is considered the high-end of the internet market."

50-megabits can be

compared to about 6.25 megabytes (MB), as a megabyte is eight mega bits combined, though he explained the term bits is used in relation to data transfer, while bytes are used to refer to data storage.

He added the main limitation to faster access speeds is generally the speed of the particular website or server users try to connect to, and that the speeds offered by the fibre optic net-work will eventually be higher than 50-megabits per second.

He also said that Didsbury will be the first community in Alberta in which Telus has tied individual properties directly to the fibre optic network, once the project is complete.

Although there small pockets of fibre optic systems through-out the province, the systems do not bring the fibre to homes, rather the company has run copper lines to homes and businesses from a community hub with

fibre optic, he said.
"There is also fibre in neighbourhoods especially brand new

neighbourhoods have fibre from those boxes to people's homes. With Didsbury, it's fibre going from those hubs and boxes to the homes," he noted.

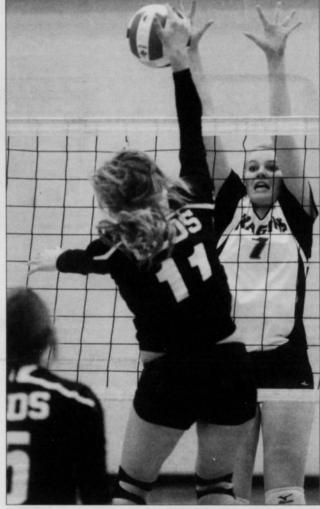
The reason Telus chose Didsbury, according to Gerritsen, is they have a strong and loval customer base in Didsbury, and the town also has progressive and supportive leadership."

The fibre build started back in September, and Sauve said some customers will be able to sign up for the service as early as next month, though the entire project should be complete by early spring next

Though she could not comment on the exact cost of the project, she did say it is a significant investment for the com-

"A lot is involved in these fibre builds," she said.

"What that will mean for residents and small business owners and all of our customers in the area who choose to have their homes connected is they experience enhanced



SPIKED - Didsbury Dragons player Cassandra Rassmussen attempts to block a



Telus director of construction Dale Draper (third from left) manager of quality assurance, Scott Farkas (middle) and president of broadband Tony Geheran (second from right) discuss logis-Vala Rosa subdivision on Nov. 6.

internet speed...as well as they will now have access to our Optik TV, which is our television

With Optik TV, the picture quality is enhanced, and also picture seamless features multiple-PVR (personal video recorder) system, she noted, which can be bundled together with the internet and even home phone services.

One of the questions received Telus has from other residents is what happens when

one house on a street decides not to sign up, she said. "Essentially what we

shot from an Olds High School Spartans player during their playoff game on Nov. 6.

want to communicate to our customers is that it's on a home-byhome basis, so whether or not your neighbour is choosing to get the enhanced service to their house, that won't affect your service at all.

The enhanced interspeeds will give businesses an edge in competing against companies in larger urban centers already have the fibre optic connections, she added.

"It's really significant for small business owners in any area because having that faster internet speed really allows them to get that one step ahead of their competitors and even compete in larger marlike Calgary Edmonton because now they're operating with the technology that's used in those larger centers.



Colts play just-for-fun ringette game

BY KEVIN VINK MVP Staff

The Mountainview Colts took on the Olds Special Olympic team last Monday, Nov. 4 during a ringette game at Ecole Olds Elementary School.

They played for about an hour, changing lines every few minutes, and laughter could be heard nearly the entire time, either from the players or those watching from the sidelines.

Darren Brown, the coach of the Special Olympics team who also sits on the board of directors, said he's very happy to have seen this relationship between his team and the Colts established.

"They were very excited to come out and participate," said Brown of his team

"And the Mountainview Colts were so kind to come out the first night (last year)."

This kind of event really changes things up for his team, because though they participate in all kinds of sports, from curling to slow-pitch, they don't get the opportunity to play against other teams very often.

David Franz, also known as Davey, is one of the Special Olympians, and he can be seen at every Colts game, cheering the boys on and watching them play.

He invited the Colts to take on his team last year, and the relationship between the two groups has grown since then.

Tracy Smith, a parent who helps out on the Colts' board of directors, said she enjoys seeing the Colts coming out to play for fun at events like this.

"I think it's great for the boys," said Smith.

"They look forward to it and Davey is our number one fan – that was kind of the whole (reason for) organizing all of this, because Davey comes to every single one of our games."

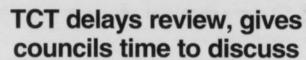
She said it's important for the Colts to get out into the community and do things like this.

"And I mean, there's lots of different things they can do in the community, but I think this is a big one," she noted. "We have our fans that come every

"We have our fans that come every week to support us in the arena – we have the same fans every single week – so this is something that the Colts can give back to the community and to Davey for supporting them for so long."

Davey for supporting them for so long."
The Colts have taken on Davey and made him part of the team, giving him jerseys and hockey sticks every season, and after the game on Monday, the team also gave out water bottles, tickets to their games, and even brought in pizza for the teams and observers, she said.

"I'm proud of the boys," she added.
"This isn't something you have to drag
them to – it's something that they want



BY SYLVIA COLE

No decisions were made about the future of the Tri-Community Transit system (TCT) during a recent meeting.

On Nov. 5, committee members met to discuss the sustainability of the TCT. During a previous interview, Mayor Lance Colby told the Carstairs Courier that there currently isn't enough money to continue the service past Dec. 31 of this year.

The TCT is a satellite project out of the Rocky View Regional Handibus Society that provides out of town shared-ride service for those without transportation to appointments or social activities. The bus is equipped to assist those with mobility aids such as wheelchairs, walkers and car seats

chairs, walkers and car seats
The municipalities involved include Carstairs, Mountain View

County, Didsbury and Cremona

In order to be successful, Colby explained that there needs to be funding from all municipalities as well as volunteer members to attend meetings and help with fundraising efforts to keep the service viable.

During the meeting Nov. 5, it was revealed that some of the municipal councils had not yet had a chance to review the cost change starting in the new year which will require is \$10,000 per municipality if they want to continue on a threeday a week model; \$17,000 if the committee wants it for five days a week. A portion of the funds would be required immediately while the remainder can be acquired through TCT fundraising efforts.

TCT fundraising efforts.

The committee agreed to postpone discussions until Nov. 25.

"This will give a chance for council to review and discuss," said Colby.

Council denies early payment for MVSH

BY KEVIN VINK MVP Staff

Town council recently decided against paying a requisition from Mountain View Seniors' Housing (MVSH) totalling just under \$76,800, after an invoice was received by town officials on Oct. 8, rather than in January, which has been the historical norm.

Mayor Rick Mousseau said that it was a tough decision, but as MVSH had already paid for Didsbury's reqsistion for 2012 early in the year, councillors decided not to pay the requisition until early next year.

"It was (a difficult decision) yes, because we already paid for this year and to pay again, I don't think that's feasible now because they send the requisitions in January," said Mousseau.

The Alberta Housing Act states municipalities can pay up to 90 days after they receive the invoice for the requisition, and Mousseau noted Didsbury generally pays shortly after receiving the invoice.

One problem with paying the invoice now is that the town will not collect for the requisition until June, so that makes it even more difficult to budget for.

He noted the town has paid for the requisitions annually every January since the organization started, so town council doesn't want to break off from that routine and start something different.



(Top) Mountainview Colt Nick Mulich tries to steal the ring from Kerry O'Shea. (Bottom) Mountainview Colt Tyson Schmidt tries to block Kenny Morin as he runs towards the Colts' net.

Police release APP progress report

BY KEVIN VINK MVP Staff

The Didsbury RCMP detachment, which serves the areas in and surrounding Didsbury, Carstairs and Cremona, released its second-quarter progress on the Regional Annual Performance plan (APP).

The APP is a collection of goals that the detachment officials set at the beginning of the fiscal year – in April – after collaboration with the town councils of communities it serves, according to Sgt. Jeff Jacobson.

Jacobson has set three main priorities for the year, and so far police have been doing well in completing those priorities, and these numbers reflect the period from April 1 to Sept. 30.

For community visibility, the goal was to complete 250 patrols of Cremona, with 95 being done so far, and 300 combined bar walks, foot patrols and school visits, with 141 being completed to date, he said.

For the contribution towards safer roads, there is a goal of 400 speed, intersection or seatbelts tickets or warnings, with 133 being given out so far, and 86 of 200 school zone patrols have also been completed.

The last priority set has been the reduction in abuse of drugs, with an annual goal of 30 drug-related charges or warnings, of which 14 have been handed out.

The RCMP also have an annual goal of making 15 drug presentations in area schools, with 14 being completed by the Carstairs enhanced member to date, through the Drug and Alcohol Resistance Education (DARE) program.

Also, noted Jacobson, "As part of this effort, the detachment completed a drug operation during the last quarter resulting in a search warrant being executed on a vehicle, with over \$11,000 worth of cocaine being seized."

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He noted the charges were laid against a Didsbury man.





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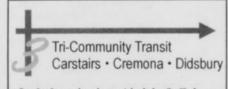
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12-year-old bags male mountain goat

BY KEVIN VINK MVP Staff

A Didsbury preteen got the chance of a lifetime last month, not only beating the odds of being drawn for a special mountain goat hunting licence, but also bagging one of the much sought after big game species.

Hunter Jackson, who turned 12 early last month, was entered into Alberta Environmental and Resource Conservation Department (ERCD)'s draw for the special hunting licence for the first time this year. If an applicant is drawn, they are not allowed to enter in future years.

"It's a once-in-a-lifetime hunt," said Jackson. "Some people have been applying for 20 years and they don't get it."

According to ERCD spokesperson Carrie Sancartier, the draw is not always held due to low population numbers, but this year officials drew six names from a list of 6.049 people.

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On top of being drawn, the 12-year-old was chosen to hunt in an area near Pincher Creek – the best zone in Alberta, he said.

To qualify to enter the draw, first he had to study for a quiz that tested his ability to differentiate between a male and female goat, as there are only a few subtle differences between the sexes. This year's draw winners were directed to

go after adult males.

He also had to learn how to best hunt them, because the mountainous habitat of the goats is treacherous, and if the goat gets shot in the wrong location, it can be impossible to bring back out of the bush.

And when hunting goats, the entire animal including its meat must be removed from the area after the hunt is complete.

"If one's standing up a high cliff, you can't shoot it. But if it's on a scree slope, it can roll down, but it can't be too steep because if they roll, their horns will break," he noted.

"Luckily, mine fell not that far at all and it got stuck on a little ledge."

It was a three-hour hike to and from the location where he downed the goat, and Hunter made the trek with his father Andrew and a family friend who also happens to be a mountain guide in the Pincher Creek area.

Upon learning of the draw, guide Brent Sinclair went out looking for a herd in the area, and found one relatively close to civilization.

They hiked up to a good spot and saw the herd, and that's when the pressure kicked in.

Prior to the trip,



(From left to right) Hunter Jackson, Brent Sinclair (Hunting Guide) and Andrew Jackson pose after Hunter downed a mountain goat last month.

Jackson had been worrying about the possibility of missing the shot and losing his opportunity to bag a goat.

bag a goat.

"I was looking through
the scope and the adrenalin (had my heart
pounding)," he said.

"I was just thinking get the crosshairs on the animal, aim, and take the shot." Though he was aiming

Though he was aiming for the body, the bullet hit just under the left eye with a 7mm Remington Magnum round, downing the goat in an instant.

"It just dropped and rolled down the hill. I'd been thinking for a while: what happens if this doesn't all work? But when I did, I just thought I got a goat!'

"There was this great relief over me, not worrying about it," he said, smiling.

The trio skinned the goat in preparation for taxidermy and then

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hauled it back to the vehicle.

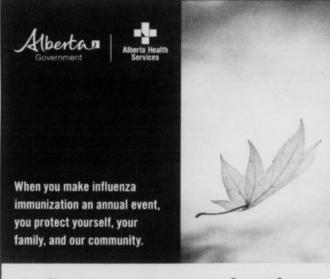
"The glands behind the horns were the biggest the guide had ever seen, and the guide has been hunting for a long time," he said, adding that the horns were about nine inches long, and the world record is 11.4

inches.

"He had a really good hide – about eight-inchlong fur – so it will make a really good trophy"

a really good trophy."

Currently the hide is being tanned, and eventually the Jacksons will have a full-mount stuffed mountain goat to display



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Kibera slums in Kenya



Overlooking the massive Kibera slums and its sprawling mass of tumble-down shacks on top of each other did not prepare us for what life could be like there once in its midst.

Corrections:

The correction published on page 4 of the Oct. 29 edition of the Review was incorrect. should have stated Wednesday, Nov. 6 as the first meeting of the Didsbury Car Club

"Scholarship cancer survivor in post-secondary," published on page 6 in the Nov. 5 edition of the Review contained an incorrect statement. The correct statement is: 'He was one of 150 in Canada chosen for the award.

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JACKSON approached. a Walking through the

After meeting up with our guides, drove down the muddy hill towards the out-We skirts of the slum. parked the van then walked down a hill covered in small bean plants that people try to grow for themselves, and immediately could smell the overpowering stench of raw sewage as we

We saw the green roof of the New Hope School, started local minister with funds from an American woman.

mud, we were sur-rounded by piles of rotting garbage and plastic bags of all kinds, including the notorious flying toilets. There was a small

dark sludgy that flowed by us that we crossed over with a makeshift bridge.

Little children came running up shouting, "How are you?" - the only English they knew - as we walked

A few goats here and there were tethered in the field.

We waited at the outside gates of the school and waved at the kids playing at recess in their makeshift dirt playground made up out of a couple or rusty metal and broken slides swings.

The gate was locked and we couldn't get in so we started to wind out way through the narrow streets of the slum up to another

All along the way we passed the same piles of garbage and excrement-filed plastic bags as we passed by the entrances of the tiny shacks tumbling into each other. We had to watch our steps very carefully in the slippery muddy paths hoping we didn't slip and land in the source of the stench all around us.

Mothers with their small children sat in the narrow alleyways. The shacks around us were made with mud and sticks and scrap tin. Some had makeshift doors but most did not.

We walked into the school compound to the delight of the kids in the classrooms who

peered out of the windows and waved.

There are over 600 kids attending this school, which goes from pre-school Grade 8.

There are a number of ages in each grade as not every child starts at the same age like in Canada.

We were allowed into the classrooms to say hello and visit.

A few of the classes sang us songs, and all were curious as to our names and where we were from

The children were especially interested in my son Sage. They wanted to know his age, where he was from and what grade he was in.

We then met the local pastor and head of the school who gathered all the kids out in the school grounds to sing

a few songs for us. We were invited to stay longer but word would get around fast that there were muzungu - white peo-ple - in the school, which might cause problems for our security and theirs, so we moved on.

Upcoming events: Fall Fashion Show and African Art Sale on Nov. 23 at Didsbury Multi-Purpose Room in the Didsbury Memorial Complex. Tickets are Complex. \$45 and include din-ner. Tickets on sale Silverfern Medical Clinic and Fashions on Main. All proceeds go to support Project Roret.



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Editorial

Drivers responsible for playground zone safety

While it goes without saying that West Central Alberta residents want to keep young people safe and secure, proposed new provincial legislation aimed specifically at protecting children at school and at play is welcome news.

The Enhancing Safety on Alberta Roads Act,

The Enhancing Safety on Alberta Roads Act, which is now before the Legislature, would let municipalities set local rules for playground zones and school zones.

"Working with Alberta drivers, municipalities and stakeholders we will continue to help keep our children and Albertans safe," said Ric McIvor, Minister of Transportation.

The new legislation would specifically give municipalities the authority to set the hours during which school zone speed limits are in effect and give municipali-

effect and give municipalities the authority to modify the period in which speed restrictions in playground zones are in effect.

If passed, municipalities could align playground and school zone hours to suit local needs, reducing confusion for drivers and providing better protection for children.

Other amendments will help "align legislation with changes that have been made to the Criminal Code of Canada over the years

and ensure Alberta's traffic safety legislation is strong, clear and consistent," he said. MLAs of all parties should be encouraged to

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move this new playground zone and school zone law through the Legislature without delay.

At the same time, it remains a fact that no amount of legislation and no additional rules or laws will guarantee that children at play and walking to and from school can be kept completely safe from traffic dangers.

In the end, the best way to keep kids from harm on streets and roads is for drivers to ensure that they doing each and every thing necessary to avoid collisions. And that requires drivers to do a number of things – and to not do other things. Area drivers should ensure that their vehicles

Area drivers should ensure that their vehicles are in good working condition at all times, with good tires and proper maintenance of brakes being a must.

While Alberta distracted driving law has now been in effect for some time, there are still far too many drivers using cell phones and other devices while behind the wheel. Such bad habits must end.

And of course it goes without saying that motorists who drive while under the influence of alcohol and drugs shouldn't be behind the wheel - they should be in iail.

they should be in jail.
 This new legislation aimed at protecting young people is welcome news. With that said, drivers should know that they continue to have the ultimate responsibility when it comes to playground and school zone safety.



Commentary

Looks like corruption in Stettler County

DEREK FILDEBRANDT

When governments use taxpayers' money to explicitly campaign for a candidate running for political office, it's fair to call it corrupt and undemocratic. According to documents provided to the Canadian Taxpayers Federation, that is just what happened in at least one municipality during the last provincial election.

The documents reveal how at least one senior, taxpayer-paid, municipal employee in the County of Stettler used government time and resources to campaign for the re-election of now former MLA lack Hayden.

In 106 pages of email exchanges, senior municipal employees received, and may have forwarded, nearly daily campaign updates from the PC Party campaign war room to their fellow municipal employees. It's clear these campaign emails ended up in County inboxes and that at least one senior staff member was working on the PC campaign.

One email exchange shows the County of Stettler Director of Communications, Shawna Benson, sharing a campaign Facebook page for PC candidate Jack Hayden that she had built.

"Our Facebook Page is now up and running...with an event for the Premier's visit on Thursday going live shortly. Please .. go to the Facebook page if you have an account...And "like" it...!"

This email was sent from her County email address at 10:45 AM on a Tuesday. In preparation for voting day, some County staff received this reminder: "The following bullerin includes some links on the PC Senate Candidates, and you might want to review this before the vote tomorrow. Let's all focus on getting Jack Hayden supporters out to the polls."

From what we already know, it's fair to ask if these employees were planning on "getting Jack Hayden supporters out to the polls" on government time.

The County of Stettler didn't just fund partisan campaigns with taxpayers' money indirectly through the use of government employee's time, but also directly with donations to the Progressive Conservative Party. Between 2008 and 2010, the municipality forked over an average of \$2,600 a year to the PC Party. The practice was discontinued soon after.

It would seem that in lieu of direct cash payments from the county, inkind taxpayer "donations" would be made in the form of employee time and resources.

There needs to be consequences for this. To begin with, all County of Stettler employees who used taxpayer-funded, County resources or did campaign-related work on taxpayers' dime should lose their jobs.

Elections Alberta also needs to investigate. Some employees were brazen in their willingness to openly campaign using taxpayers' money, and showed no shame or moral compunction about it. With the names and email addresses of so many others blacked out, it would not be surprising if other County employees turned out to have been campaigning while on the clock as well. Only a thorough investigation by authorities with the power to obtain the required information can ascertain just how extensive this practice was in Stettler.

practice was in Stettler.

Jack Hayden used to be a councillor and reeve for Stettler between 1998 and 2007. He was also the municipal affairs minister between 2008 and 2011. It's no surprise that his friends at the municipality wanted to help him get re-elected. But they should have known better than to use County resources.

Jack Hayden was copied on 17 of these campaign emails between April 3 and April 21, 2012 – almost one a day. Presumably, he knew that at least one County employee was campaigning on taxpayers' time. Did he make any attempt to ston the practice?

stop the practice?
Elections Alberta has identified 44 municipalities and other government institutions that made "donations" to political parties in recent years, like Stettler. It's fair to ask how many of these municipalities—like Stettler—"donated" staff time and resources to campaigns as well.

Funneling taxpayers' money into partisan campaigns is not just wasteful and unethical, it undermines the integrity of our democratic institutions. Only an investigation and a few public examples of the consequences can clear the air.

Let's call a spade a spade. This is corruption.

Derek Fildebrandt is the Alberta

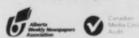
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REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING: Tuesday, November 26 at 7:00 pm. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING: Tuesday, January 7 at 7:00 pm. MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION: Wednesday, November 13 at 4:30 pm. Unless otherwise noted, all meetings are held in Council Chambers at the Town Office.



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December

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PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWN OF DIDSBURY LAND USE BYLAW 2013-03

Notice is hereby given that the Town Council of Didsbury has passed first reading of Bylaw 2013-06 to amend the present Land Use Bylaw 2013-03 Map Schedule A as follows

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be redesignated from the present UR-Urban Reserve to 12 - Heavy Industrial as per the attached map.

A public hearing prior to second and third reading of the proposed Bylaw 2013-06 will be held November 26, 2013, commencing at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Town of Didsbury Municipal Office, 2037-19 Avenue.

The hearing will be conducted under the chairmanship of the Mayor, or designated person, for the purpose of hearing opinions and comments and/or objections to the proposed By-law

The style of the hearing will be informal and persons wishing to speak will be requested to state their name and address for the record upon being recognized by the Chair. Opportunities to speak will be as per the Town of Didsbury procedural bylaw and recognition to speak will be at the discretion of the Chair. Written responses will also be accepted up until 12:00 noon November 25, 2013.

The public may inspect a copy of the proposed Land Use By-law amendments at the Town of Didsbury website www.didsbury.ca/council or at the Municipal Office, 2037-19 Avenue, during regular office hours 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION of this notice: November 12, 2013 DATE OF SECOND PUBLICATION of this notice: November 19, 2013

Dani Woodman Development Officer

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Volunteer Opportunity

The Heritage Advisory Board is seeking a member at large. This is an excellent opportunity if you are interested in gaining knowledge into the vast history of the Didsbury community!

Contact: Jolene Sanford

Town of Didsbury, Community Development Coordinator Box 790; #106, 2034 19 Ave

Didsbury Alberta TOM OWO

Email: jsanford@didsbury.ca / Fax: 403.335.9794



DIDSBURY IEIGHBORHOOD PLACE

Young Chefs - November 22, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm - A morning of baking with Jolene and Stef in the Multi-Purpose Room at the Memorial Complex. For ages 5 - 9 years old. Cost: \$40.00.

Call Didsbury Neighborhood Place at 403.335.8719 to register.

NOTICE TO NEWLY BUILT HOME OWNERS

2013 SUPPLEMENTARY PROPERTY ASSESSMENT & TAXATION NOTICES NOTICES HAVE BEEN MAILED NOVEMBER. 6, 2013 FINAL ASSESSMENT COMPLAINT DATE IS JANUARY 5, 2014

TAXES DUE ON DECEMBER 31, 2013

REMINDER TO ALL PROPERTY OWNERS

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QUESTIONS: PLEASE CONTACT THE TOWN OFFICE TAX DEPARTMENT AT 403-335-3391 EXT.1107

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Officials seek historic properties for designation

BY KEVIN VINK MVP Staff

Town officials are seeking residents who are interested in having their properties designated as municipal historic resources, and are ready to provide assistance and further information to those interested in starting the proces

The Town of Didsbury's recently adopted Management Heritage

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Plan would allow owners to receive their development permits at no cost once they receive histor ic designation, according to a recent press release.

Properties must be a part of the historic inventory to be able to take part in this program, and once they are selected, can be designated in as little as three months.

Officials recommend owners of historic properties in Didsbury to con-

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sider municipal designation, as their properties can then become eligible for matching grants from Alberta Culture for work on historic features of their building.

All designated proper-ties will be included in Town of Didsbury's Historic Walking Tour to encourage tourism within the community.

As well, the designation of more downallows town resources the Town of Didsbury to pursue Main Street Community accreditation

within the province. Karen Henry, manager of planning and infra-structure for the town, said that participation in this program draws more support from other agencies regarding historic resources

We are building capacity to have more expertise to help manage our local historic resources, she said.

The first municipallydesignated property, the JV Berscht Block, to be honoured with this distinction on Nov.

Owner Gord Fulton will be receiving an award from Didsbury Mayor Rick Mousseau and town councillors for this designation during the 10th Anniversary open house for his busi-Victoria's Flowers and Gifts.

The Heritage Advisory

Committee has input into the designation of municipal heritage resources

This group of local residents is currently recruiting for additional mem-

For those interested in participating in the comor for those who would like more infor-mation on the process of designation, they are encouraged to contact Henry at 403-335-3391 or (khenry@didsbury.ca).



Noel West/MVP Staff

TOP: The Teacherage on 20 Avenue on Nov. 6. BELOW: The Shantz Farmhouse on 15 Avenue on Nov 6. Both properties are currently listed in the Town's Heritage Inventory Project.



November 13

Five - O - Club welcome members and guests to ot Luck Luncheon on Wednesday, November 13th at 2:30. Please bring your favourite salad, dessert, or veggie dish

November 14

The Didsbury Library and the Genealogical Club invite you to their first "Genealogy Didsbury Road Show" on Thursday, November 14 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. Guest Speakers Kay Clarke and Vic Willoughby will talk on the why's, how's and where's of genealogy. Local members will demonstrate searching on ancestry.com. No charge, but please register at the library so that we can properly prepare. Phone 403 335-3142 to register. Call Ron at 403 335-4557 for more information.

November 16

Anglican Church Ladies "Christmas Pudding and Bake Sale". Saturday, November 16 from 2 to 4 pm in Anglican Church Hall. Admission is \$3.00. Everyone

November 16

It is time for the FABULOUS ANNUAL CHRISTMAS FAIR on November 16 at the Zion Gymnasium from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Come and start (or finish) your Christmas shopping or get something for yourself—there will be something for everyone! Free admission. Contact: Dalene Scott - Phone: 403-335-8063 - E-mail: cott@xplomet.co

November 17

Melvin Hall will be hosting a family oriented gathering to put up the Christmas tree in the Hall. This event will take place on November 17, 2013 at 2.00 p.m 7 miles west of Didsbury on Highway 582. Refreshments will be provided. A great opportunity to come for an informal gathering of the community and those interested in Melvin Hall! Contact: Alana Gibson at 403.335.3552 at 403-335-8352

November 23

Didsbury RCMP Charity Regimental Ball. Didsbury RCMP is hosting a charity ball on November 23 starting at 6:00 p.m. at the Carstairs Community Hall. Evening includes three-course dinner, entertainment, and a silent auction. Proceeds from the event will go to multiple local charities. \$50/person. Attend or call Didsbury RCMP for tickets 403-335-3382.

November 27

Didsbury & District Community Bus Casino or Shopping excursion. Travel to South Centre Mall for shopping from 3 to 8:15 pm or to the Grey Eagle Casino from 3:15 to 8:00 pm. Bus leaves Didsbury Complex at 2:00 pm. Cost is \$15 per person. Call Evelyn (403) 335-4899 to reserve a seat

November 27

At the Museum, Coffee & Conversation is free and held every 4th Wednesday of each month from 1 to 3:30 pm. Bill Windsor Jr. will be here on November 27th to share his experience his experience about his dogs and Dogsled Racing.

Promote your events in this column. Send info to didsburylibrary@prl.ab.ca or drop off copy at Didsbury Library 2033 19 Ave.

Church Directory

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Mountain View Evangelical

Missionary Church 14 km East of Didsbury Pastor Arl Numan Office: 403-335-4422 Morning Worship 11 a.m. • Sunday School 10 a.m. For information concerning the weekly activities please call the Church Office.

Anglican Church of Canada

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each month

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Seniors' care tour comes to the area

BY PATRICIA RILEY MVP Staff

A seniors' care tour, organized by advocacy organizations came through Sundre last week, making their only stop in the region.

Officials of Public Interest Alberta, Friends of Medicare and the Parkland Institute hosted the tour and discussed with attendees the issues with seniors' care policies in Alberta

"This is the smallest community that we're coming to. But we've known for a long time - we've got so many forms sent in to our office - that there is a big concern here," said Bill Moore-Kilgannon, executive director of Public Interest Alberta.

The session was held at West Country Centre on Thursday, Nov. 7 and Moore-Kilgannon said Sundre Coun. Myron Thompson invited them to make Sundre a stop on the tour

The advocacy groups are calling on the government to focus on five goals. These include:

• Creating viable and responsive public home care

- · Strengthening the Nursing Home Act, not circumvent-
- · Building more long-term care facilities
- · Establishing a Seniors' Advocate as an Officer of the Legislature, and
- · Making seniors' care facilities more democratic

"The five points are exactly what many of us believe is needed. So when somebody proposes something that positive, then I think it's necessary to spread the word and get more people involved," said Thompson, noting that he was hoping for a better turnout.

There were about 30 to 40 people present

"The goal is threefold. The first is just to educate people about what's going on in our seniors' care system. We encounter a lot of people that say 'this is all news to me',

said Moore-Kilgannon

"Until people actually see and understand and develop that analysis of what's going on, nothing's going to change

Some of the destinations on the nearly two-month-long tour include Hinton, Lethbridge, Medicine Hat, Calgary, Red Deer, Grande Prairie, St. Paul and Edmonton.

"Secondly, we came here to hear from people in the Sundre area because we know that in smaller communities in particular, when systems fail, there's no choice for people," he said.

"Hearing what's going on around the province allows us, as advocates, when we sit down with the minister of health and the minister of seniors, to say 'you may be saying that, but Fred Home, this is what we've heard'.

Along their tour they are videotaping individuals' stories to take back to government officials. He said it isn't enough as advocacy organizations to stand up alone, but that they need local people to stand up too.

We live in a democracy and democracy isn't just voting once every four years. It's what happens between elections," he said.
"If people don't understand what's going on or are not

speaking out, then nothing is going to change. It will only get worse. But if people are speaking out for their commu-nities and their families, then change will happen."

During the session, 81-year-old Noel Somerville, chairperson of Public Interest Alberta's seniors' task force, discussed an apparent proposal from the government to get

rid of the seniors' drug plan.
"I think that's crazy," said Somerville. "I think that's a major issue that we need to tackle the government on."

He said government officials claimed they could save \$180 million a year by getting rid of the seniors' drug plan.

He also talked about the issue of moving seniors from their support systems because of a shortage of longterm care beds throughout the province.

"The government thought it was actually doing some-

thing good because it was capping the distance on where eniors were moved," he said, noting that the distance was 100 kilometres.

'Why are we moving them at all? We're having to move them because of the chronic shortage of seniors' long-term care beds."

"We think that health care is a right and not a privilege," he added.

Moore-Kilgannon shared stories of people they have met throughout their careers. He said they are also advocating for family care councils.

Sundre resident Brandon Zimmerman stood up and shared a personal story. Several years ago, he suffered from an accident while he was working and almost lost his legs. He was in the hospital for numerous months and he and his family became financially strapped. He expressed anger that the government would consider not providing seniors benefits

Thompson spoke as well, saying that he has friends who go south for the winters. They purchase prescription drugs and have dental work done in places like Mexico, because it saves them money

"This shouldn't be happening," he said. "Get in there and fight for what's right. I just feel that we're giving up on the fight. Damn it, I'm ready to fight and I'm going to fight for as long as I can talk, walk and breathe.

There was also discussion about 2013 provincial funding cuts causing a shortage of staff in seniors' facilities. Moore Kilgannon said it is possible that there are legal obligations regarding a fire plan in such facilities. If there are only one or two staff members at the facility in the middle of the night and there is a fire, they wouldn't be able to evacuate the building as quickly, he said.

Sandra Azocar, executive director for Friends of Medicare, said residents need to get behind the elected officials and stand up for what is right

"I think we need to get angry," said Azocar.



Bill Moore-Kilgannon, left, executive director of Public Interest Alberta, speaks with Sundre Coun. Myron Thompson, right, during a session at West Country Centre in Sundre on Thursday, as part of a senior care tour across the province.

Police briefs

Guns stolen

A cabin was broken into between 27 and 31, with two shotguns and two rifles being stolen, according to Sgt. Jeff Jacobson.

The cabin is located by Jensen Road, west of Highway 22, near the western boundaries of the county, he noted

"Ultimately an individual or individuals entered the cabin and used an item to pry open a gun safe," said Jacobson, adding that a variety of ammunition was also stolen.

"We are continuing to investigate," he added.

Window broken

The west-side window of a busis located on the 1700 block of 20th Avenue was broken sometime during the early morning hours of Oct. 26, said Jacobson.

The damage caused is estimated to be about \$150, he noted.

Hit and run

A 2009 Dodge Challenger was hit by an unknown vehicle on the West Electric property, one kilometre north of Carstairs, on Wednesday, Nov. 6, said Cpl. Clint Gulash.

He added anybody who may have witnessed the collision to contact the Didsbury RCMP.



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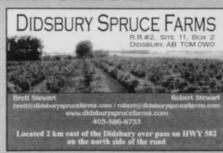
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Elsina Stauffer. She attended Olds College in 1937 and then took her nurses RN Training at the Holy Cross Hospital, graduating "top of her class" in 1942. Olive worked in hospitals and doctor's offices in Lacombe, Ponoka, Olds and Didsbury. After retiring she spent 16 years in Kelowna before returning to Airdrie, living in Fletcher Village before moving to Bethany. She was predeceased by her 3 sisters and their husbands, Pearl (Tom) Chalmers, Ruth (George Enns), May (Bill) MacDonald, one nephew (Neil MacDonald), and 2 great nephews. She is lovingly remembered by her nephews Arnot Chalmers, Don (Laura) Chalmers, and nieces Verdell (Jake) Andres, Marva (Duane) Harder, Judy (Bill) Snyder, Janet MacDonald and their families including numerous great and great-great nieces and nephews. She is also survived by her personal caregiver Sharan Bennett, and a host of friends, especially George and Boza Udzenija of Kelowna. A Memorial Service will be held at Crossfield Baptist Church, 285176 – 2A Way, Crossfield on Friday, November 8, at 2:30 PM. Thank-you to Dr. White and the staff at Bethany for their never-ending care. Messages of condolence can left for the family at www.myalternatives.ca.



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VUAL GENERAL MEETING

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HELP NEEDED!!

COUNTRY CHRISTMAS IS NOVEMBER 29TH, 2013 AND WE NEED HELP WITH THE LIGHTS!!

As we all know, the downtown lights are a very large part of what makes Country
Christmas such a wonderful promotion each year, but unfortunately this year
we have not been receiving the support from the businesses or residents of
Didsbury to get this job done. We have had 3 workshops now and there have Didsbury to get this job done. We have had 3 workshops now and there have only been 4 people in total who have come to help. We are therefore very far behind and on the verge of not having lights for Country Christmas. PLEASE, we need your help!! The largest part of the job is the fluffing of the garland. Thanks to the Elks we have been able to use their hall, so you are not even outside. Come to the next work party, connect with old friends or possibly meet some new ones, light refreshments are provided. If we can get 12 people out each day we could have this done in a few hours. If you are a resident of Didsbury who wants to get involved, please come out and help. We all enjoy the beautiful atmosphere that the lights provide. Next workshops are November 16th and 17th at the Elis Hall in Didsbury starting at 12 noon. 17th at the Elks Hall in Didsbury starting at 12 noon

Didsbury Country Christmas will take place on Friday November 29th, 2013.
Tell all your friends and point your car to Didsbury for an exciting old fashioned country Christmas. Bring the kids for a free picture with Santa at the Train Station, hop on board a horse drawn wagon for a ride around town or visit the reindeer. Participate in the many draws for free turkey/trimmings gift cards at participating businesses all marked with a large turkey poster. Stop for Beef on a Bun at the Train Station or perhaps some cotton candy for that sweet tooth, hosted by the 1st Didsbury Scout Group from 5:30 to 9 pm.

The Didsbury Christmas Helpers, who we have assisted in the past with Top Up the Trailer, have modified their event this year and are looking for families or groups of people to sponsor a hamper. Details on this promotion can be obtained from Linda Sirr, at 403-335-2378. Linda will also be available at the Train Station during Country Christmas to answer any of your questions. We urge you to give this program your full support. All of the hampers are distributed to less fortunate families in our community.

The Library will also be involved from 6pm-10pm. Enjoy a mulled cider and cookies along with the musical entertainment provided by Tesia Runnet. For the kids there will be a hot chocolate "Bar" with an assortment of toppings to make their own personalized drinks. Also Glass Art Bookmarks by Jean Elliott, letters to Santa and Cheek Art for the little ones

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A final reminder that the Didsbury Chamber will be hosting the an residential light decorating contest for those who take the time to decorate their homes. We will be judging the week of November 18th to 23rd, so please leave your lights on that week if you wish to participate. We also will judge in untry but we must be given a proper land description with direction at we don't get lost!

re information about all of these events please call the 403-335-3265 or e-mail us at info@didsburychamber.ca or check ou website at www.didsburychamber.ca or like us on Facebook.

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Well-kept property, 1309 sq. ft., 3 bedrooms, oversized double garage with woo stove heated workshop area, centrally located.

\$199,000

2.67 Acres near Didsbury



1392 sq fl character home, 3 bdrms, 1 1/2 baths, laminate, newer furnace older bard beautiful well treed yard site,

\$329,900

18 Westpoint Drive



Gorgeous custom home, open plan, hardwood oak kitchen, large island, 2 gas fireplaces, infloor heat, 2 tiered deck with gazebos,

\$369,900